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## ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT Update on Public Meeting Schedule

Tucson, AZ (November 4, 2011) – Two public meetings regarding the Rosemont Copper Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) are being rescheduled due to potential conflicts with local events. The first and last meetings, scheduled to be held at the Desert Diamond Conference Center in Sahuarita, Arizona on October 22 and January 7, have been postponed. One has been rescheduled (see below) and arrangements are being made for the second meeting and a possible additional meeting.

The Coronado National Forest is accepting public comments on the DEIS in a variety of formats. The DEIS is available online at <a href="www.RosemontEIS.us">www.RosemontEIS.us</a>. Citizens are encouraged to review this document before submitting comments. Although comments may be submitted in many ways, citizens need only provide comments once for them to receive full consideration. The 90-day comment period began on October 21, following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the DEIS in the Federal Register. Requirements for commenting may be found at 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 215.

The Coronado National Forest is planning to host the following public meetings to share information about and take comments on the DEIS. Each meeting will include both informational sessions and comment sessions. Oral statements made during the comment session will be recorded. Written comments will also be taken at the meetings. Citizens do not need to be present at any meetings to comment on the DEIS.

- November 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Palo Verde High School, 1302 S. Avenida Vega, Tucson, AZ
- November 19, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Empire High School, 10701 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Tucson, AZ
- December 1, 2011, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
   Corona Middle School, 16705 S. Houghton Road, Corona, AZ
- December 7, 2011, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Benson High School, 360 S. Patagonia Street, Benson, AZ
- December 10, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Elgin Elementary School, 23 Elgin Rd., Elgin, AZ

Arrangements are being made for a meeting in Sahuarita, and a meeting in Green Valley if a suitable facility can be contracted.

Arrangements are also being made for shuttle bus transportation to some of the meetings. Details will be posted to the project website at <a href="https://www.RosemontEIS.us">www.RosemontEIS.us</a>.

Brief oral comments can be made by calling toll-free (888) 654-6646.

Comments may be submitted electronically on the project website at <a href="www.RosemontEIS.us">www.RosemontEIS.us</a> by following the link to "Comment Here."

Written comments may be mailed to: Rosemont Comments, P.O. Box 4207, Logan, UT 84323. Written comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (435) 750-8799 and by electronic mail (e-mail) to <a href="CoronadoNF@RosemontEIS.us">CoronadoNF@RosemontEIS.us</a>. The subject line of facsimiles and e-mails should include the words "Rosemont Copper Project DEIS". E-mail attachments should be in Word (.docx), rich-text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf).

For questions or special needs regarding the public meetings or the comment period, the public may call (520) 388-8300 voice or (520) 388-8304 TTY.

Additional information about the Rosemont Copper Project DEIS is available online at www.RosemontEIS.us .